

Chairman and members,  
Delta Protection Commission

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Sirs:

- 1) As you have heard and read from me, now for the sixth straight month, the basis of this commission has from the earliest days of writing the act in the legislature on up through convening of the first commission meeting and to today been based on misrepresentations, violations of California Constitution, documents of questionable authenticity, missing documents, false statements, etc. In the words of one of the commissioners here two months ago this commission and the findings

presented are "A FRAUD". "Fraud", as you who counted it, was repeated by that commissioner three times during the course of the meeting in April in Stockton.

It is now only two days since the Solano County supervisor representative finally received his appointment to this commission. Oversight? Not hardly as he repeatedly told me over the past few months he was "the designee." The articles of SB 1866 have no provisions for any designee from the counties, only the governor appointees.

- 2) Oathes of Office:

Reviewing oathes of office received from commissioners I do not find a copy of the mayors' oaths of office from Antioch or Tracy, only blank forms, nor the supervisorial oathes of office from the appointees of Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, San Joaquin nor Yolo Counties. Inasmuch as, it is the intention of these two mayors and three supervisors to regulate the affairs of my Solano County and its elected governing board, this request seems appropriate. The signed, witnessed, written oath of office is the written contract for that elected office position. I am in no position to require they be sent to me.

Here, however, we do have the chance to see appointive, not-responsive-to-the-voter government in operation. This is, of course, THE PRINCIPAL REASON why electors oppose this form of governance. It has no intrinsically built in reason for the controlling officers to be responsive to the electors. Some of those not sending me a copy of your oath of office have felt I was presumptuous in asking you for it, that you had no reason to go out of your way to satisfy a request of mine. I would doubt you would want to be called dictatorial in your action but you seem to leave that door open by refusal of this simple straightforward request. Maybe it's true, to quote from the movie Sierra Madre, that "(you) don't need to show (me) no stinking badge", but I would still appreciate seeing it.

- 3) Has this commission requested the new executive director to take the same oath of office the commissioners took last January in Walnut Grove? An Executive Director, by definition, participates in policy making decisions.
- 4) Although previously informed by Chair that comments could be made from the floor on agenda items when recognized by the Chair, last month Chair substituted group process for parliamentary procedure when I stood just before the election was to take place. I am confused about what to expect from Chair. Could this be clarified to me?

Respectfully,

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